



Sunday, January 22, 2023



Epiphany follows the Christmas story of the babe born in the manger. It is a season especially set apart for adoring the glory of Christ. It means manifestation of glory and leads us to the contemplation of Christ as King upon a throne leading us to the Season of Lent. The Epiphany Season is a happy time for us to keep the bright lights about our homes, and to remember the miraculous birth and guiding star of Bethlehem so long ago.

Our Vision

To live as Christ would have us live, in love, with compassion and seeking justice, by sharing God's grace, learning from scripture, growing through the Spirit and being transformed by faith.

WASHROOMS: Wheelchair accessible and gender neutral bathrooms are located outside the lower auditorium. They can be accessed by the stairs in the Narthex or the elevator outside the church office.

FIND YOUR PLACE

There are many ways to get involved at St. Andrew's. Everyone is welcome so please reach out and step into places that inspire you the most. More details found at <http://standrewsriverheights.com/life-work/church-groups/>.

ANNA BLAIR CIRCLE: Monthly functions that are social in nature and promote fellowship and camaraderie.

BIBLE STUDY: We meet Tuesday mornings at 9:30am in the Lounge. Drop in anytime! Contact klumley@standrewsriverheights.com

BOOK CLUB: We are a group of book lovers who meet Wednesday afternoons, every 5-7 weeks. Anyone is welcome! [Ruth - mckenzieqrst@shaw.ca](mailto:Ruth-mckenzieqrst@shaw.ca)

OUTREACH: Social justice in our community and beyond. We meet on an 'as needs basis'.

PRAYER/BAPTISM SHAWLS: Do you love to knit? If so, we could use your talents.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Teachers are always needed. Contact Jan Demeduk to volunteer at j.demeduk@hotmail.com

ST. ANDREW'S MUSIC: Love to sing? Our senior choir meets Thursday evenings and welcomes new members! Choir Director—music@standrewsriverheights.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are always looking for volunteers to help out with events, fundraising, outreach, Sunday morning coffee & tea. If you are interested, email the church office at office@standrewsriverheights.com.

Upcoming Services:

- Sunday, January 29 - Outreach Sunday with guest speaker Josh Ward
 - Sunday, February 5 - Called to be Salt
 - Sunday, February 12 - Song of Faith Service



OUR LAND - We remember, as we celebrate God's presence in Worship that St. Andrew's River Heights United Church gathers in Treaty 1 land, the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples and in the heart of the Metis Nation. As Treaty people, we seek to live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with all our relations.

Order of Service

GATHERING: *Andante* (from Organ Concerto #4 in F major) G. F. Handel

CENTERING WORDS

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERVIEW WITH RITA SWAN

HYMN: **VU336** *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Sky*
(tune: **VU81**)

♪ **Christ whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only light,
sun of righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high, be near,
daystar in my heart appear.**

**Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warm my heart.**

**Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day. ♪**

INVITATION TO WORSHIP: *The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2023*

We come seeking God, **the one who guides us
and protects us.**

People of God, there is nothing to fear, **for God
dwells in our hearts.**

Let us shout with joy, for God is here! **Let us sing
praises to the Holy One!**

ACKNOWLEDGING THE TERRITORY: *(The Government of Canada) Unison*

We acknowledge that we are on Treaty 1 territory and that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota and Dene People's, and the homeland of the Metis Nation. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this land.

CANDLE LIGHTING

PRAYER

HYMN: **VU84** *O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word*
♪ **O radiant Christ, incarnate Word,
eternal love revealed in time;
come, make your home within our hearts,
that we may dwell in light sublime.**

**Our bartered, busy lives burn dim,
too tired to care, too numb to feel.
Come, shine upon our shadowed word:
your radiance bathes with power to heal.**

**Your glory shone at Jordan's stream,
the font where we were born anew.
Attune your church to know you near;
illumine all we say and do.**

**O light of Nations, fill the earth;
our faith and hope and love renew.
Come, lead the peoples to your peace,
as stars once led the way to you. ♪**

CHILDREN'S TIME: *The Epiphany Box*

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Read by Rita Swan
Responsive Psalm: **VU754** Psalm 27

ANTHEM: *Praise! Praise!* (music by G.F. Handel, from Solomon; arr. and text by P.M. Liebergen)
Praise, praise!
Let every nation give praise to the Lord.
Rejoice and be glad for the Lord comes to all.

Praise, praise!
Let every nation give thanks to our God,
Resound joyful praise.
Let every nation give thanks to our God,
Rejoice and be glad for the Lord comes to all,
O rejoice, praise the Lord and give thanks.

The glory and power of God we proclaim,
And sing with a loud voice the Lord's holy name!

Praise, praise!
Let every nation give thanks to our God,
Rejoice and be glad for the Lord comes to all,
O rejoice, praise the Lord and give thanks.

Gospel reading: Matthew 4:12-23

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

SOLO: Fred Cross - *Handel* Text: from Isaiah 9:2
(restated in today's Gospel reading from Matthew)
The people that walked in darkness
have seen a great light.
And they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death,

upon them hath the light shined.

SERMON: *A Day by the Sea* - based on Matthew 4:12-23
Sea-Katy Harmer, Net-Nolan Kehler, Zebedee-Paul Forget

HYMN: **VU96** *Will You Come and See the Light*
♪ **Will you come and see the light from the stable door?**
It is shining newly bright, though it shone before.
It will be your guiding star, it will show you who you are;
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Will you step into the light that can free the slave?
It will stand for what is right, it will heal and save.
By the pyramids of greed there's a longing to be freed;
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Will you tell about the light in the prison cell?
Though it's shackled out of sight, it is a shining well.
When the truth is cut and bruised, and the innocent abused,
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Will you join the hope, alight in the young girl's eyes,
of the mighty put to flight by a baby's cries?
When the lowest and the least are the foremost at the feast,
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Will you travel by the light of the babe new born?
In the candle lit at night there's a gleam of dawn,
and the darkness all about is too dim to put it out:
will you hide, or decide to meet the light? ♪

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
Jesus brought light to our

world, and we are called to bring light to our world.
Sung response: **MV101** *Jesus You Fill Our Hearts*
Jesus, you fill our hearts with your love,
our minds with your peace,
and our lives with your joy

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **VU518** *As Those of Old* vs. 3
With gratitude and humble trust,
we bring our best to you,
not just to serve your cause,
but share your love with neighbours too.
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your Son,
help us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

BLESSING

BENEDICTION: **903** *Song of Simeon*
Lord, God, you now have set your servant free
to go in peace as promised in your word;
my eyes have seen the Saviour, Christ the Lord,
prepared by you for all the world to see,
to shine on nations trapped in darkest night,
the glory of your people and their light.

POSTLUDE: *Arrival of the Queen of Sheba*
(Sinfonia from 'Solomon') G. F. Handel

The Anthem this week

This week our anthem and solo are selections from oratorios by George F. Handel. The anthem's music is from Solomon, which features stories of King Solomon from the Book of Kings. The original text of this anthem praises Solomon's wisdom after he judiciously deals with two women who claimed the same child as their own ("Swell the Full Chorus"). The new text in the version heard today has the same intention as the original, but praises God instead of Solomon. Today's solo is taken from the first section of Messiah, as part of the prophecy of Jesus' birth. In a full performance, this solo would be followed by the joyful chorus "For Unto Us a Son is Born."

ST. ANDREW'S CONTACT LIST

Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who helped with today's service—we couldn't have pulled it off without you!

A thank you today to our singers, soloist, Fred Cross and our scripture reader, Rita Swan.

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Coming Up...

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

Worship @ 10:30am

Rental—Lil Opera (sanctuary) @ 1pm

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

Rental—RCM Exams (sanctuary) @

8am

Rental—AFG (lounge) @ 7pm

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

Rental—RCM Exams (sanctuary) @

8am

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

Bible study @ 9:30am

Book club (lounge) @ 1:30pm

Organ lessons (sanctuary) @ 2pm

Rental—River City Sound (auditorium)

@ 7pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

Announcements

Remember in prayer:

Kit Jarvis in Comfort Care at West Park Manor Room #8 -31199 Grant Avenue, R3R 1X2.

Shaftesbury Park Retirement Residence, 9055 Shaftesbury Blvd., R3P OY5

- George/Lesley Rempel Room #3013
- Ian Purves Room #3059

Bonnie Cross is in Grace Hospital, Room 4S 430.

Omar Fraguera is in the Concordia Hospital, Room 111.

Remember in prayer Carolyn Graham, Joseph (Joe) Allan Graham passed away on December 30, 2022.

Today, we will be celebrating with Rita Swan. In receiving her Certificate for Licensed Lay Worship Leader, within the bounds of Prairie to Pine Region. Come celebrate with Rita, who has been on this educational journey with our support for the last two years. Cake and coffee will be served by the Worship Group to honour Rita's achievement.

Bible Study is on Wednesday this week, at 9:30 am. We are studying Micah 6:1–8.

Coffee time after church begins again. The Fellowship Group will be hosting it most Sundays but will need some volunteers from time to time. On the first Sunday of every month, a volunteer is needed to do coffee, please sign up.

Thank you to Ruth McKenzie, Gord Shawcross, John Swan and all the others who helped to take down the Christmas trees, decorations and outdoor creche. We appreciated all of your hard work.

Good News! Colleen Watters is at home recuperating after being in the hospital.

Happy birthday to Lesley Rempel, who turned 80 and Ed Lozowy, who turned 81 last week!

YOUR GIFTS MATTER.

Get the benefits of a Tax Receipt for your Donation! Let us know who you are and sign up for PAR. Pre-authorized remittances throughout the year make it easy to donate to the United Church.

Donations are always accepted either through your weekly giving envelopes, the weekly worship offering, through E-transfer by contacting Bill Craddock our Treasurer at 204-488-1130 just leave a message on the phone and Bill will return it, or can be dropped off at any time through the church office.

Check out our website for more information and forms. The church is very grateful for any and all donations. Thank you so much.



In a generous act of hospitality, God invites us into ministry. How shall we then respond?

Gifts of Love for Valentine's. We are collecting mitts, hats, scarves, warm socks, coats, sweaters, boots, blankets, backpacks, large bags, duffel bags, etc. for the homeless. These items do not have to be new. Bring them to the church and they will be delivered by a group of people to the homeless on the street.

Got any loose change? The Coin Canister is at the back of the church. Drop-in spare coins for Oak Table-1JustCity for their needs for food for their breakfast program.

Scripture Readings for next week

*Micah 6:1–8

Psalms 15

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

Matthew 5:1–12

